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November Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our November newsletter!
We have a very busy term ahead and the children are busy preparing for their performance in December of "Aladdin Trouble".

NURTURE - BIG NEWS!!

We did it! Thanks to lots of hard work and commitment from the the whole JLB staff, we have achieved the OCTNE Bronze Award, confirming we are a 'Nurture and Relationships Committed School'. Needless to say we are all delighted with this result and we will now aim to achieve the OCTNE Silver Award, over the course of the coming year. In order to achieve this we will have a Core Nurture Group, made up of staff from across the school, who will help with decision making, lead changes and offer support re Nurture to others. We will



continue to develop our classrooms and wider school as nurturing environments and will maintain a strong focus on at least two of the Nurture Principles. In addition, all staff will have the opportunity to participate in Trauma Informed training.

We will be seeking the views of our children, parents, carers and wider community through use of questionnaires about JLB as a Nurturing school.

We are committed to taking Nurture forward across the whole school at JLB to ensure our school supports and encourages our pupils to achieve success and be the best they can, in a safe, understanding, supportive and positive environment, where the importance of strong relationships is key.

Rights Respecting Schools

This month the children are learning to uphold their rights through Article 19: *I have the right to be protected from being*



hurt or badly treated.

To find out more about this article please follow this link: [UNCRC Article 19](#)
I have the right to be protected from being hurt or badly treated - The Children and Young People's Commissioner Scotland



We are now working with the children to create a Playground Charter. Primary 7/6 have whittled down the articles and selected five that are most relevant to ensuring that rights are upheld in the playground. The Pupil Council will now ensure that we have a shared understanding of the responsibilities of both the right holders (children) and the duty bearers (adults) in the playground. We look forward to sharing our charter with you soon.

We were delighted to give out our very first “Duty Bearer of the Month” certificate last week. The Pupil Council voted for Mrs Ross as the adult who upheld their right to *Article 29: I have the right to an education which develops my personality, talents and abilities.* Well done Mrs Ross!

World Children's Day

On Wednesday 20th November we celebrate World Children's Day – the birthday of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC).



This is a celebration of children's rights. In July, this human rights law for



children became a part of the law in Scotland.

The children from P4-7 will be joining an online assembly which is a great way for us to take part in global celebrations!

Anti Bullying Week

Anti Bullying week starts on Monday 11th November. The key message this week is *Choose Respect: Bring an end to Bullying.* Rights will be further explored in relation to Article 19 and other relevant articles during this week. Primary 3 have already created some super posters to spread this message.



Message from our Parent Council

Hi everyone, as anti-bullying week is coming up next week, we will be holding a small competition throughout the school to promote the importance of it. We are asking the children to create a poster, poem or piece of artwork to advertise/express the importance of being kind, and the impact that bullying has on everyone. If they can be handed in by Thursday 14th November, Parent council will be picking a winner which will be announced Friday. We look forward to seeing what the children come up with! Thanks again for all your support,

Parent Council.

Children in Need

Children in need takes place on 15th November. This affords an opportunity for our children to learn to uphold their



rights and the rights of others, locally and globally through the lenses of Global Poverty (P1-3) and Child Poverty (P4-7).

To raise awareness we would like to make a donation to the foodbank of a small chocolate treat for them to deliver to families at Christmas time. If the children could bring in one small item of Christmas Themed confectionery our Pupil Council will deliver these to the Foodbank.



Success!

Primary 7/6 recently took part in a competition organised by “Keep Scotland Beautiful”. They worked really hard to create sustainable houses as part of their Climate Action Week competition. We are delighted to announce that they won first prize in this competition and some books will be sent to them as their prize! We are very proud of what they have achieved. You can view all the entries that were submitted by clicking [here](#).

Parent's Evening

Our Parent's Evening takes place on Thursday 21st November. This will allow you an opportunity to discuss your child's progress, next steps in learning, and wellbeing with their teachers and ask any questions that you may have. Appointments will be available to book from Monday 11th November by phoning the school office on 01436 674001.

P7/6 Remembrance Service

The children in Primary 7/6 have been learning about the importance of Remembrance in class this term. They welcome you to our Remembrance Service at 2:15 on Friday 8th November.

P7/6 Residential Meeting

The parents / carers of our Primary 7 and 6 parents are invited to attend an information session on *Wednesday 5th February 2025 at 6 pm.*

P7/6 Fundraising

Primary 7/6 have organised a bag packing session to raise funds for their residential trip to Barcaple. They will be in Morrisons on Tuesday 16th November and would greatly appreciate your support on the day!



Wider Achievement

We are committed to ensuring that our learners are aware of their strengths, weaknesses, skills and attributes in relation to the future world of work.

Our after school and lunch time clubs allow us to promote wider achievements in a way which is motivating and encourages children to portray their distinct personalities or aptitudes and consider their possible future pathways.

Ambition is one of our school values and is lived out through these experiences.

The clubs that are on offer this term are:



- Sensory club on a Friday lunch time with Miss Mccoll
- Arts & Crafts on a Wednesday after school with Miss Clark
- Construction on a Monday after school with Mrs Rogers
- Pupil Council with Mrs Jones fortnightly on a Wednesday lunchtime.

A date and time for our ECO Schools Committee will be announced very soon!

We look forward to running some more exciting clubs such as baking and coding to name but a few in terms 3 and 4.

Every child in the school has already been surveyed and is assigned to a club of their choice! You will receive notification of which club your child has selected before it is due to start.

Dogs in the Playground

Please be reminded that dogs are not permitted to enter the playground. If you have a dog you must stay well back from the school boundary.

Unfortunately we have had a problem recently with dog's mess in the playground during collection time and we also have members of our school community that have allergies to dogs.

School Uniform

We are making a concerted effort to encourage our children to come to school in uniform and would really appreciate your support in this. Please remember that our suggested uniform is as follows:

P7, white shirt, new P7 school tie (yellow and blue stripes with 'Final Year' printed on it), blue 'V' neck with yellow stripe, /grey trousers / skirt/ pinafore and black shoes.

P1-6, white shirt, school tie (original design) plain blue 'v' neck, grey trousers/ skirt / pinafore and black shoes.

A blue and white summer dress may be worn in warmer weather.

All clothing brought to school should be labelled or marked in some way, as it is difficult for children to distinguish their own clothing from others.

PE Kits

Pupils will continue to wear PE kit to school on their class PE days. Pupils should wear a white t-shirt and blue shorts (not denim) as their uniform for PE, (no cropped tops). Please also note that football strips, football colours and boots are not permitted.

In winter grey or blue jogging bottoms are acceptable to wear on their PE days.

Jewellery should not be worn. For any earrings that are unable to be removed, tape should be provided throughout this limited time.

Classroom Bulletins

Learning Centre

Hello!

In the Learning Centre we are having fun exploring a range of themes including Autumn, Diwali, Bonfire Night and our favourite- Christmas! In Literacy, the children are using visuals to develop



their vocabulary to describe the seasons and connect this to their own daily routines including appropriate clothing for the weather. During our daily sensory play activities the children are developing pre-writing skills by experiencing making moon sand, gloop and playdough as well as using various media to paint autumn pictures including broccoli and cauliflower!

We also use media including shaving foam to aid us in our learning of phonics and spelling sounds. As part of our sensory play we are making 'Diya' candles, Rangoli patterns and decorations for our Diwali celebration 'the festival of light'. The children will also have the opportunity to taste some traditional foods as part of this celebration.

In Numeracy we are exploring and developing our understanding of number facts to 10, 100 and 1000. We are continuing to investigate number sequences, learning about odd and even numbers and counting in thousands. We are also going to be learning about fractions and directions and symmetry.

In IDL we are enjoying learning about music across various cultures and traditional cultural dances. We have enjoyed exploring how our emotions are impacted by the music we listen to and how dancing makes us feel. We are excited to learn about various genres of music and compile a class playlist of our favourite songs.

Primary 7/6

P7/6 have a very busy term ahead and have hit the ground running. Children are extremely excited and enthusiastic

about the upcoming school performance and have already started researching the skills and qualities needed to be a fantastic stage performer. The children have all recently taken part in the audition process where they were given time to rehearse in small groups for their chosen parts. Following this the class developed a list of success criteria prior to their own audition. Children are patiently awaiting their role castings in the coming days when the rehearsals will begin.

In addition to the performance, P7/6 have their class assembly coming up and are working hard learning all about WW1 and Remembrance Day. Children are researching key events throughout the war and will be making their own poppies to wear in memory of those who fought in the war. Children are looking forward to sharing their learning with their families on Friday 8th November.

Children in P7/6 continue to work hard across the rest of the curriculum. In writing children are exploring emotional vocabulary and how this can be used in personal writing, and in maths children will be continuing to develop their maths mastery with more of a focus on shape and measure in connection with pop design for our upcoming performance.

Primary 5/4

This term in literacy, P5/4 will be focusing on personal writing as they create journal entries to log their thoughts, feelings and progress as we work towards putting on our school show. P5/4 will also continue to develop their reading and spelling abilities as well as their listening and communication skills.



In numeracy, the children have been working hard to learn their times tables and soon we will be moving on to division. We will also be learning about shape and symmetry later in the term and this will help us to create lots of eye-catching props and backdrops for our show.

P5/4 will be very busy this term as we sing, dance, build, create and act our way towards our whole school performance of Aladdin' Trouble. The children are already working hard to learn the words and create dance sequences for our songs which we can't wait to share with you during our performance.

Primary 3

This term in Literacy Primary 3 are learning about the different aspects of imaginary writing, creating characters, settings, problems and solutions. We are also learning to create eye-catching posters to advertise our upcoming show Aladdin. We will be continuing to work hard on our reading, phonics and spelling.

During Numeracy we are focussing on measure, working alongside P2/1 learning about the different units of measurement and when to use the appropriate unit, we will then be using this learning to design props for our show.

Primary 3 are currently taking part in rugby taster sessions that have been organised with Live Argyll which they are really enjoying.

Through IDL we are looking at different dances from across the world and

creating group dance routines, performing them to the rest of the class. They are playing an active role in the Aladdin show learning lines and songs along with helping to create props with P4,5,6 and 7.

Primary 2/1

This term in Maths Primary 2/1 are learning about measure. They are exploring using a range of objects to measure length, weight and capacity through play. They will apply their learning as they measure out lengths of the props that they are going to create for "Aladdin Trouble".

In IDL they have been exploring music and dance form across the world. They have really enjoyed listening to and watching Ballroom Dancing, Hip hop, Jive, and Ballet to name but a few! During play they will explore dance steps and moves and create their own dance sequences and explore a range of musical instruments to create some music!

Dates for your Diary

Fri 8th Nov	P7/6 Remembrance Assembly 2:15
Mon 11th Nov	Parents evening appointments available
Mon 11th Nov	Anti Bullying week begins
Friday 15th Nov	Children in Need - Bring in a small piece of Christmas Confectionery for the Foodbank

Thu 14th Nov	P7 Christmas Unwrapped
Wed 20th Nov	World Children's Day
Thu 21st Nov	Parents Evening Book Fair
Mon 25th Nov	In-service Day
Tues 26th Nov	School opens 09.00am
Wed 11th Dec	Christmas Performance 5:30pm Pupils arrive 6:00 pm Performance starts
Thu 12th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day - wear something festive £1
Mon 16th Dec	P3 Christmas Party
Tue 17th Dec	P 5/4 Christmas Party
Thu 19th	P7/6 Christmas Party
Wed 18th Dec	School Christmas Service 1:30pm Venue TBC
Fri 20th Dec	P2/1 Christmas Party

Fri 20th Dec	School Closes 2:30 pm
Mon 6th Jan	School Opens 9:00 am
Thur 16th Jan	P7 Residential meeting @ 6.30pm
Thu 23rd Jan	Visit to Morar Lodge - Burns Event
Fri 24th Jan	Scottish X-Factor 1.30pm Burns Event
Wed 5th Feb	Residential Information Session 5
Fri 7th Feb	School closes 3.00pm
Mon 17th Feb	In-service Day
Tues 18th Feb	School opens 9.00am
Mon 24th Feb- -Fri 28th feb	Developing Young Workforce Week
Wed 5th Mar	P5/4 Assembly 2:15pm
Thurs 6th Mar	World Book Day - dress up!

Mon 24th Mar	Parents Evening Appointments available
Tue 1st April	Non Uniform day to celebrate end of Ramadan
Wed 2nd Apr	Easter Service - 1:30pm
Thu 3rd April	Parents Evening
Fri 4th April	School Closes 2:30pm
Tue 22nd April	School opens 9:00 am
Wed 30th Apr - Fri 2nd May	P7 Residential Experience
Thu 15th May	Sports Day

Thu 22nd May	School Closes 3:00pm
Fri 23rd May	In-service Day
Tues 27th May	School opens @ 9.00am
Fri 23th June	School Reports issued
Date TBC	P7 Leavers' Dance
Wed 25th June	JLB Awards Ceremony - afternoon
Tue 1st July	School closes @ 1.00pm

***Best wishes,
JLB Staff Team***

Our vision: Nurturing and inspiring everyone to reach their full potential

***Our Values: Healthy Relationships, Equity, Ambition, Respect &
Responsibility***

